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Carquinez “Traffic Switch” Opening Rescheduled

Crockett - The “Traffic Switch,” which re-routed eastbound vehicles onto the 1927 Carquinez Bridge, has been rescheduled to open late next week, Caltrans today announced. The traffic switch opening date is dependent on the weather.

The original purpose of the Traffic Switch was to allow construction crews to replace the deck on the 1958 Carquinez Bridge. That project has been completed. However, there was an additional task of installing a new, experimental expansion joint. There have been some difficulties with the installation process.

While the expansion joint issues are being resolved, Caltrans Maintenance crews are taking advantage of the extra time. With no traffic on the 1958 bridge, the crews can perform a number of tasks quickly and safely.

The new FasTrak-only booth will open when the 1958 bridge is re-opened to traffic.

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